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ARGENTINA: Human Rights

3.5(c) *There are persistent rumors in Argentina that security forces are murdering political prisoners before the Inter-American Human Rights Commission visit next month.*

Despite a marked decrease recently in the number of persons illegally detained by the government, several secret detention centers may still exist. According to 3.3(b)(1) diplomats who monitor human rights in Argentina closely, between 500 and 2,000 so-called clandestine political prisoners may still be in secret camps. An International Red Cross spokesman in Geneva, however, believes there are only a "few dozen" prisoners in this category. The US Embassy in Buenos Aires reports that relatives of the missing persons and local human rights advocates contend that the remaining prisoners are being 3.5(c) murdered.

The Argentine Government may fear the embarrassment of allowing the human rights delegation to see prisoners who suffered physical mutilation or psychological impairment as a result of severe interrogation. In 1975, government refusal of a terrorist demand to show several captured guerrillas "alive and well" on television led 3.5(c) to the death of a US consular agent held by the terrorists.

The Swedish Government has offered to join the US, the Vatican, and perhaps other West European governments in an effort to persuade the Argentine Government not to kill any prisoners.

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Argentina

A federal judge ordered police to raid the offices of three human rights organizations in Buenos Aires yesterday as part of an investigation into charges that one of the groups had solicited false information concerning a missing person, according to a wire service report. A spokesman for the judiciary stated that the false information was sought in order to put pressure on the government in connection with the visit of the OAS Human Rights Committee early next month. Representatives of two of the groups said police seized more than 8,000 case files. (Other aspects of the human rights problem in Argentina are discussed on page 4.)

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